

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to all of the claims now in the application (i.e., claims 1-14) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

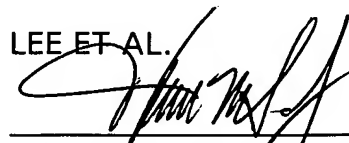
Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's tentative indication of the allowability of claims 6-8 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claim 6 into claim 1 and the remaining dependent claims are now ultimately dependent upon this currently amended independent claim 1 so as to place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

It should also be noted that Claim 8 has been amended to remove objectionable alternative language, which alternative language is now set forth in new Claim 10. Furthermore, four new claims 11-14 have been added to the application, which are comparable to original claim 2 (claims 11 and 14) and claim 8 (claims 12 and 14) but which have different claim dependencies.

In light of the above, it is believed that all of the claims now pending in the application (i.e., claims 1-14) have been placed in condition for allowance. Accordingly, formal allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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